

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0082

ENROLLED ACT NO. 26, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2025 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to water development projects; authorizing specified level I and level II studies; providing appropriations; requiring reports; providing for the reversion of unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated funds to be used to complete other designated projects as specified; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

[2025-2026 WATER PROGRAM]
[AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

Section 1. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular project that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2028 shall revert to water development account I. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2027 legislative session:

[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Hulett Water Master Plan	Crook County	\$166,000
UW Water Research Program	Statewide	<u>\$368,998</u>

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Total appropriation for Section 1 \$534,998

Section 2. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account II, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular project that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2028 shall revert to water development account II. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2027 legislative session.

[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Pioneer Canal Lake Hattie Irrigation District Master Plan	Albany County	\$236,000
Smith's Fork Irrigation District Master Plan	Lincoln County	\$272,000
Wheatland Irrigation District Master Plan	Albany, Carbon, Platte Counties	\$472,000
Total appropriation for Section 2		\$980,000

Section 3. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account III, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Appropriated funds not expended

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or obligated prior to July 1, 2028 shall revert to water development account III. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2027 legislative session.

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
Middle Popo Agie River Storage Study	Fremont County	<u>\$551,000</u>
Total appropriation for Section 3		<u>\$551,000</u>

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Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk